

✓ Claim 8, line 1, please delete "any one of claims 1-7" and insert therefor

--claim 1--;

✓ Claim 10, line 1, please delete "any one of claims 1-9" and insert therefor

--claim 1--;

✓ Claim 15, line 1, please delete "claim 13 or 14" and insert therefor --claim 13--;

✓ Claim 24, line 2, please delete "any one of claims 1-18" and insert therefor

--claim 1--;

✓ Claim 25, line 2, please delete "any one of claims 1-23" and insert therefor

--claim 1--.

REMARKS

By the present Preliminary Amendment, Applicants have amended the claims to remove the multiple dependencies in the claims.

A favorable consideration on the merits is believed to be next in order, and is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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